United Nations S/2012/756

Security Council

Distr.: General
11 October 2012

Original: English

Identical letters dated 10 October 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Over the past three days, terrorists fired 37 more rockets into Israeli communities. The Hamas campaign of terror continues to strike our homes, schools and hospitals. While the people of southern Israel remain semi-permanent residents of bomb shelters, the permanent and semi-permanent members of the Security Council remain unable to speak with one voice against these attacks.

Last week, the Security Council showcased unprecedented efficiency when rockets were fired in the direction of another country in the Middle East — and rightly so. This is the Council's responsibility.

Meanwhile the Security Council has slept through more then 12,000 rocket attacks against Israelis over the past decade. We applaud the Council's condemnation last week — and expect the Council to act with the same speed and conviction to condemn the rocket fire targeting 1 million Israeli civilians.

I ask you — as the President of the Security Council — to condemn these rocket attacks in the same manner as last week's statement, without another day of delay.

Gaza terror begins and ends with Hamas, which took full responsibility for these attacks. What further evidence does the world need to hold Hamas responsible?

Israel has exercised — and will continue to exercise — its right to self-defence, as appropriate, and will take all necessary measures to protect its citizens.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Ron **Prosor**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

12-54353 (E) 151012

Please recycle